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Arthur Bremer Released from Prison on Mandatory Supervision After 35 Years

TOWSON, MD (November 9, 2007)---Arthur Bremer, the Wisconsin man who wounded four people in an attempt to assassinate Presidential candidate George Wallace in a Laurel, Maryland shopping center 35 years ago, has been released from prison in Maryland.

Mr. Bremer served his time at the medium-security Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown, 70 miles west of Baltimore.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) believes the public interest, safety and security is best served by allowing Arthur Bremer to become acclimated to today's world at his own pace and with as much anonymity as possible. The department will not have any comment on his activities or plans from this point on.

However, like all offenders released through Maryland's Mandatory Supervision Release statutes, Bremer will have to abide by general and special conditions set by the Parole Commission. Under the special conditions, Bremer must:

- Stay away from any local, state, federal, or foreign elected official or office holder as well as a current candidate;
- Undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment if necessary;
- Not leave the State of Maryland to go to another state or the District of Columbia without the express written permission of the Maryland Parole Commission; and
- Must submit to electronic monitoring which is to be monitored by any law enforcement agency specified by the Maryland Parole Commission.

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Quick Facts About the Arthur Bremer Case:

- Arthur Bremer was not paroled. In fact, the Maryland Parole Commission denied him parole 10 years ago.
- The DPSCS did not “let Bremer out early.” Arthur Bremer is getting out now because of state law that allows inmates to earn credits to shorten their time spent behind bars. This is state law, **not** DPSCS policy.
- These credits are awarded for work assignments, educational programming, and special projects in addition to good conduct. Arthur Bremer’s work and behavior in prison earned him many such credits.
- Those released from sentences affected by credits are mandatory releasees, because, by law, they must be freed from prison.
- But mandatory releasees like Mr. Bremer are still required to be under the supervision of Parole and Probation agents until the end of their original sentences. In Mr. Bremer’s case, his entire 53-year sentence expires in 2025, meaning Mr. Bremer will be required to report to his agent regularly until 2025. If he violates this, or any special condition of his release, he is subject to arrest and re-incarceration.

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